

New CVMA Cal/OSHA Compliance Guide Coming Soon

The CVMA Compliance Guide is designed to help veterinary facilities reach full compliance with Cal/OSHA and other regulatory agency requirements. The CVMA has created an online subscription-only format to help members be in full compliance.

The guide contains:

- An updated regulatory manual, with information on how to produce and implement a safety program.
- Interactive web pages that will create a customized IIPP, EAP, FPP, and HCP for your facility.
- Access to a regulatory consultant.
- Frequent updates as laws change.

The compliance guide was written for California veterinary facilities and includes:

- Instructions on how to complete and/or update a customized written safety program including injury and illness prevention programs, hazard communication programs, emergency action plans, and fire prevention plans
- Downloadable forms to help implement your safety program
- Recording keeping requirements
- Training requirements
- Site inspection requirements
- Waste management regulations
- Radiation (X-ray) regulations
- Drug Enforcement Administration requirements
- Department of Fish and Game regulations
- Veterinary Medical Board regulations
- Pharmacy and prescription issues

The online guide will be available to CVMA members only. Stay tuned for its upcoming release.

Next CVMA RVT Committee Meeting – Tell us what you think!

The CVMA RVT Committee advises the CVMA's Board of Governors on matters related to RVTs. The committee meets twice a year. The next meeting will be held in February 2016.

Your RVT Committee representatives are interested in your issues and concerns. Contact your rep by visiting cvma.net > click on the Membership tab > choose Registered Veterinary Technicians > click on CVMA RVT Committee Members.

Register for the 2016 Pacific Veterinary Conference and visit the Technician Fair!

Join us in San Francisco on June 23–26, 2016 for the Pacific Veterinary Conference. This four-day conference features 28+ technician-specific CE, fun-filled events, and a Technician Fair with an exhibit hall! Linda Markland, RVT, will give a presentation on wellness and preventative care for veterinary professionals. The fair also includes raffle prizes, appetizers, and a no-host bar. Visit PacVet.net for registration options and more information.

Technician Track Speakers:

- Monique Feyrecilde, BA, LVT, VTS (Behavior) Behavior
- Allison Gottlieb, BS, CVT, VTS (ECC) Feline Medicine
- Amy Newfield, CVT, VTS (ECC) Nursing/Radiology
- Andrea Steele, MSc, RVT, VTS (ECC) Emergency Critical Care

Tech Tips

Calling all technicians! This new feature allows technicians to share useful tricks and tips that make getting the job done easier. The following tech tips were submitted by Jodie Crosby, RVT, chair of the CVMA RVT Committee.

- **For easier insertion into the trachea, moisturize the end of your tracheostomy tube with either small amounts of sterile water or sterile lube.**
- **To save on fur loss when re-bandaging splints, leave the stirrup tape on and cut it at toe level. Retape over it. Only replace entire tape as needed.**

If you have useful ideas and would like to provide additional tech tips, email your submissions to Laura Phillips at lphillips@cvma.net. CVMA reserves the right to decide which submissions will be published.

